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Tues., Dec. 30 - OPC Luncheon for CBS News Correspondents, Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom. 12:30 p.m.

Don't miss this fourth annual OPC luncheon for CBS correspondents from around the world. Make reservations now for tables.

Edward R. Murrow will moderate the off-the-record account by Eric Sevareid, Charles Collingwood, Richard C. Hottelet, David Schoenbrun, Winston Burdett, Ernest Leiser, Paul Niven and Peter Kalischer on the situations at their posts throughout the world. Also attending luncheon will be Frank Stanton, CBS President; Sig Mickelson, Vice President, and John F. Day, Director of News. Reservations at OPC. \$5.50 for OPC members, \$6.50 for non-members.

Tues., Dec. 30 - Documentary Film Preview, "The Remagen Bridge. Cocktails, 5:30 p.m. Film, 6:15 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Gala. 9:30 p.m. to Cock's Crow.

Delightful supper, music and the works for OPCers who come to the Club to ring in 1959!

Door prize: Magnum of chilled Champagne, 1952, courtesy of Mumm's Cordon Rouge.

Reservations, \$7.00 each, at OPC.

Thurs., Jan. 1 - New Year's Day. Clubhouse closed.

#### HUMPHREY CITES RED CHINA

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey has called for a reappraisal of U.S. relations with Red China and the immediate lifting of a "news blackout" on China, according to a UPI report.

Humphrey told the World Affairs Council in a talk on Dec. 12 that the U.S. should take another look at its position on Red China as part of a drive to counter Soviet penetration of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

UPI reported: "This country can longer permit a news blackout on Red China,' Humphrey said. "We must have more facts about the mainland.' "

#### 233 MEMBERS ADDED IN 1958

Total membership in the OPC rose to 2,145 in 1958, a gain of 233.

This included an increase of ninety-seven active members, of whom forty-four are resident, thirty-one non-resident but within the U.S. and twenty-two overseas. The Club added 108 resident associate members and twenty non-resident associates. Affiliate membership increased by five and the Club added three honorary life members.

The OPC now has 1,299 active members.

#### UP - INS Merger Is Voted Top OPC Story Of Year

The merger of the United Press Associations and the International News Service, which ousted an estimated 385 news and photographic employees from their jobs, has been overhelmingly declared the story with the greatest impact on OPC members in 1958.

The choice was made by the seventeen members of the OPC Bulletin Committee - the people closely concerned with publishing The Overseas Press Bulletin each week.

The merger of the two big news services into United Press International was announced in May. Since then, many of the ousted employees have found jobs on newspapers or magazines or in public relations. But many are still searching.

Second among the big-impact stories was the early November disclosure that the OPC would expand its headquarters with the acquisition of the building at 33 East 39th Street. Steps toward this move had been reported previously.

Voting was close on the other stories considered among the year's top ten. The final results were these:

3. The deaths of six newsmen when a jet tanker crashed near Westover Air Force Base, Mass., on June 27.

4. The Iraqi revolt in early July, which found only one U.S. correspondent in Baghdad but resulted in mass shifts of newspaper, radio and TV personnel within and to the Middle East.

5. Ambassador John Hay Whitney's purchase of control of the N.Y. Herald (Continued on page 6.)

#### OPC DISCLOSES PLANS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB of AMERIC

The OPC's Awards Committee is inviting the nation's news media to submit their nominations for OPC Annual Awards for excellence in foreign correspondence and interpretation of foreign news during 1958. The awards will be presented at the Club's Annual Awards Dinner in the Spring of 1959.

The invitation, going out within the next few days, will include the entry blank for nominations in the ten categories in which the awards will be made. The categories are as follows:

Class 1. Best press reporting, daily wire, from abroad.

Class 2. Best radio or television reporting from abroad.

Class 3. Best photographic reporting (still), from abroad.

Class 4. Best photographic reporting (motion pictures), from abroad.

Class 5. Best magazine reporting of foreign affairs.

Class 6. Best American press interpretation of foreign affairs.

Class 7. Best American Radio or

Television interpretation of foreign affairs.

Class 8. Best book on foreign affairs.

Class 9. The Robert Capa Award for superlative photography requiring exceptional courage and enterprise



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abroad.

Class 10. The George Polk Memorial Award for the best reporting requiring exceptional courage and enterprise a.bma.d

Those making nominations are requested to submit two copies of the writings, or photographs, for which the award is proposed, or - in the case of radio and television — to make tapes and/or film available to the Committee.

The deadline for the nominations is Feb. 2. However, the news media are requested to submit nominations as far in advance of the closing date as possible.

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#### LASKER AWARDS OPEN

Entries for the tenth annual Albert Lasker Medical Journalism Awards contest for outstanding medical news reporting during 1958 must be submitted by Feb. 2, 1959.

Newspaper stories, magazine articles and radio-television programs which deal with progress and problems in medical research or public health are eligible.

Each award carries a stipend of \$2,500, an engraved citation and a silver statuette.

Entry blanks and other information may be obtained from the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, Chrysler Bldg., New York 17.

#### DATELINE WASHINGTON

Charles Foltz, Jr., associated world staff director for *U.S. News and World Report*, was reelected President of the Overseas Writers for 1959.

Peter Lisagor, Chicago Daily News was named Secretary. Paul Wooton, New Orleans Times Picayune, again was chosen Treasurer of the group, composed of newsmen who have worked overseas.

Walter T. Ridder of Ridder Publications was named to the executive committee. Jessie Steams

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Norwegian Girls' Chorus of Brooklyn's Bay Ridge High School, in traditional costume, sing country's carols at Club's annual Christmas Dinner on Dec. 16.

#### Norwegian Carols For OPC Christmas Dinner

An OPC Yuletide highlight was Det Tradisjonelle Norske Julegilde, which took place Tirsdag 16. desember 1958 at 35 Ost 39 Gate.

Roughly translated (from the handsome menu card), this was the annual Norwegian Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Club, which was dressed festively in Norwegian holiday decor for the evening.

From cocktails to coffee, the menu was an authentic one from the Land of the Midnight Sun. There was Ldytenog Lysholm aquavit-on-the-rocks accompanied by assorted Norwegian herring and crisp bread before dinner. The meal itself included fish pudding with shrimp sauce, reindeer steak, and krumkaker med muletkrem, a cream-filled cornecopia for dessert, along with coffee and St. Halvard likor. Norsk  $\theta 1$  (beer) and miniature bottles of chilled aquavit were on hand at every place, too.

The dinner was planned by *Henning Koefoed*, of the Regional Dinners Committee. Guests of honor were Col. Bernt

Balchen, Norse explorer and author, Bjøm Jensen, press attache of the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, who greeted the Club on behalf of Ambassador Paul Koht, and Sivert Nielsen, chief UN delegate. Members of Brooklyn's Bay Ridge High School Norwegian girls' chorus, in traditional costume, sang a group of Norwegian carols.

The door prizes — all Norwegian export products — were topped by a blue fox stole. Bachelor Malcolm Davis, Travel magazine, won the stole and was immediately showered with attention by distaff members and guests. He attempted a quick get-away, but was stymied by the unusually slow-moving cloakroom queue. The attendant on duty was a Swede, and there were dark but unsubstantiated suspicions of sabotage.

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR

#### New Year's Reports From Foreign Lands

#### MEXICO CITY

by Marion Wilhelm

The four centuries-old Mexican government square, el Zocalo, was full of newsmen from Washington on Dec. 1: Drew Pearson, Marquis Childs, Roscoe Drummond were among them. *Excelsior* was frontpaging Pearson's "Mexico Merry-go-Round:" "This is Mexico City — pulsating, fascinating, where the most modern factories work for the oldest civilization in the New World."

Their host was President Adolfo Lopez Mateos, who had a large U.S. press group flown down for his inaugural Dec. 1 in a gesture which looks good for all foreign correspondents as the New Year and the new government get rolling.

Mexico's government is one of the most secretive in the hemisphere, if not the world. One of relatively few Latin American nations with freedom of press, it is nevertheless a hard beat for fact-diggers fresh from U.S. city rooms or Washington bureaus.

In almost any other country south of the Rio Grande you can walk into the Palacio Nacional and get swiftly through to an entrevista with the President.

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Brazil's Juscelino Kubitschek holds frequent conferences with the foreign press. Ydigoras Fuentes in Guatemala calls U.S. newsmen by their first names (and sometimes by others!) Ex-President of Costa Rica Pepe Figueres once handed N.Y. Times-man Paul Kennedy the baby to hold while he had his hair cut and threshed over U.S. foreign policy.

Not so — to date — in Mexico. Not that it can't be done, but it takes several weeks of planning and talking to set up an interview in the National Palace or *Los Pinos*, the Mexican White House.

Nor do Mexican chief executives hold press conferences. When they do, the foreign press is pointedly excluded.

This is largely in deference to national reporters, who break top economic and political policy stories from Palace handouts, and partly owing to political traditions of a highly centralized one party-democracy (including perhaps a distrust of gringo periodistas.) Any government employee below the level of the cabinet — ministers are generally cooperative — can't or won't give out the most ordinary statistics without a department okay.

U.S. correspondents posted here sieze their opportunities on the periodic presidential *jiras* to inspect new electrification and irrigation dams, schools, highways, oil installations and other impressive landmarks of national progress.

Every morning on these junkets it was the cordial custom of President Ruiz Cortinesto shake our hands and thank us for coming — a not undeserved gesture of appreciation for the cold meals, cold beds and cold showers which reporters (and Presidents) endure on the rural inspection route.

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#### FRANKFURT

by Phil Whitcomb

Frankfurt's scorn for Bonn as "a riverside village trying to wear a worldside capital's hat" is of course pure *ersatz*.

But her pride is genuine wool when it comes to her own five self-proclaimed capitalcies: (1) of Europe's communications system; (2) of Europe's security markets; (3) of Germany's banking and financial system; (4) — most illogically — of U.S. periodical publishing outside of the U.S.A.; and (5) of U.S. press clubs abroad.

In 1958, the U.S. Frankfurt press gang stayed clear of Bonn and draped itself around its own capitals. As focal point of the communications system, Frankfurt is practically looking into one's back window; scheduled planes from a fairly fog-free Rhine-Main fly to nearly every point in the world; the new luxurious plane-beating Trans-European Expresses pop off in various directions; and main autobahns running north, south, east and west. During the year, AP and UPI have both sent hurry-up men to hot spots - Rome, Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Switzerland and even Denmark. The old rule of one riot, one Texas ranger, has not been strictly adhered to and the men have sometimes worked in pairs. To the veteran of a couple of German internments, the process recalls the interest in learning, each morning, in which direction the waiting bomb-havoc repair squads had been rushed off to at 2:00 a.m., although the Frankfurt operation this year has several times shown a closer resemblance to sending an extra bird to some nest in the hope of hatching the egg. Berlin is funny that way.

Capitals (2) and (3) — see table — have kept two English-language monthlies in a fever state, Commerce in Germany, written and edited in MACNENS' Frankfurt bureau, and Made in Europe, though the latter, a German-owned affair, attempts to cover the whole of Euromarket as a source of juicy bargains for U.S. buyers. Finance, and the fact that Frankfurt was once the royal seat of I.G. Farben and is still the seat of the alleged liquidation commission has given the wire agencies some good stories; so has the Federal Government's very outspoken auditing commission with headquarters here.

In section (4) there was a newcomer by cell division this year: Marion von Rospach found that her highly exposed Overseas Weekly was banned from Army families with children, so she added Overseas Family with considerable success. Her extracurricular photographic activities (purely technical, these) continue to score for the Overseas enterprise. The avalanche of Army Times Publications continues as before with American Weekend, under John Wiant, adding something new to its almost American Sunday size paper every few months. Stars and Stripes still brightens the Dawn's early light, apparently with

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#### GLIMPSES OF MOSCOW: THE ADVENTURES AND AGONIES OF A U.S. REPORTER

by Whitman Bassow

New York

At 0845 on Sept. 7, I was standing outside the administration building at Vnukovo Airport watching a silver Ilyushin airliner taxiing towards the runway.

I asked an airport employee, just to confirm that it wasn't my plane, whether that was the 0845 flight to Helsinki.

"No," he replied, "that's the 0900 for Stockholm."

I screamed in agony. That WAS my plane, with my baggage, stealing away. With it went all my well-laid plans for stop-overs in Copenhagen and London as I returned to the States after almost three years in Moscow.

The airport officials, for once did the impossible. After frenzied calls to the control tower, they managed to stop the plane at the runway's edge until a thirty-passenger bus, summoned just for me, took metoit.

#### **Ringside Seat**

This departure ended an assignment that was often back-breaking, always rewarding and frequently exciting. As a newsman, photographer and cameraman for UPI, I had a ringside seat at some of the biggest stories of our day: the 20th Party Congress and de-Stalinization, the launching of the Sputniks, Soviet brinksmanship in Hungary and the Middle East. And some of the smallest: the visit of a state senator from the South, a world's record by a lightweight Soviet weight-lifter, a Soviet chef who won a medal for teaching Chinese to make borscht.

Then there were the "non-stories," the multitude of incidents and experiences that are the real story of Russia today. These were the hundreds of chance meetings with diverse Russians under diverse conditions, the innumerable conversations, the countless impressions and details recorded in the mind's eye.

Those of us who knew Russian and had the interest and energy to penetrate the life around us entered the world behind the official facade, behind the Pravda editorials and the Potemkin villages of the guided tour. What made Moscow exciting was not the chit-chat with Khrushchevat a Kremlin reception, but the taxi driver who said that the Soviet Premier would have made a far more suitable Sputnik passenger than Laika.

For the Western newsman, Russia is the land of the king-size frustration. Censorship, a tight-lipped officialdom, limited and often non-existent sources of information combine to produce a goodly quota of ulcers. But what does one remember from all this? Not the beats and not the beatings. You remember

the laughs and the crazy things that couldn't happen anywhere else but Moscow....

It was after a big Kremlin reception. All the Western newsmen were at the Telegraph; copy had been turned in to the censor and lines were ordered for London, Paris and Frankfurt.

The cleared copy came back; the lines came through. Everyone rushed to the telephone booths — and then all the lights went out!

We struck matches and burned copies of *Pravda*, but that provided only enough light to get off a lead and a paragraph or two. Then one enterprising wife (the wives were almost always at the Telegraph with food and good cheer for their hard-working spouses) dashed off to the Hotel National and returned with some candles. We dictated the rest of our stories by flickering candlelight....

And then there was that safari during the Tito visit.

The Yugoslav President, and his wife, accompanied by Khrushchev, Bulganin, Voroshilov, Molotov and other Soviet officials, visited the sprawling agricultural fair one sunny Sunday morning. Stan Johnson (AP), Sid Wieland (Reuters), Alex Schiray (AFP) and I trotted around after them from one pavilion to another, then decided to wait for the official party at the exit gate.

#### The Chase

We waited half an hour, when finally a motorcycle escort zoomed through the gate, followed by Tito and the others in open Zis limousines. We jumped into the AP's black Chevy and raced past Khrushchev and Voroshilov up to the leading car, where Tito and his wife were sitting in the rear seat. General Zakharov, a high security official, sat next to the driver.

As we drew alongside, I poked my movie camera through the window and started filming Tito. Madame Tito on seeing me, waved a green silk kerchief in greeting. The general turned the same color when he saw the Chevy and signaled us to stop. But we ordered the driver to keep going.

There were twenty cars in the procession and we were certain that some of them were carrying security police. We expected to be stopped momentarily, but nothing happened.

The procession drove right through Moscow to the suburbs. As we left the city, the road became narrower and instead of being able to drive alongside Tito, we were obliged to get into the procession directly behind him.

Right in back of us were Khrushchev and Voroshilov. We had joined the official party! Twenty Zises and a Chevy!

Now we knew we were headed for trouble. Our only hope was that the cars would keep moving, thus making it impossible for the police to catch up with us and force us out of the line — and into jail.

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And then, just like in a Harold Lloyd comedy, we approached a railroad crossing. Of course, the barrier was down and a freight train chugged slowly across our path. We all shrunk down in our seats, waiting for the police. Much to our surprise, no one came. The train passed and we started up again.

#### Into the Forest

Soon we turned off the main road into a side road that led through a dense birch forest, Suddenly, a high green fence loomed before us, a gate opened and Tito drove in.

This time we didn't dare follow. Our driver veered to the side to let the rest of the cars move past. We waited for a while, hoping to find out what was happening, but the gate guard was very uncommunicative.

We returned to town convinced that we would all be called to the Foreign Ministry and handed our walking papers. But none of us ever heard anything about the incident. We often wondered what would have happened if we had driven through the gate....

And then there was that reception for Chou en-Lai at the Hotel Sovietskaya.

The story that night was Khrushchev's unstinting praise for Stalin as a great revolutionist, but for the newsmen, there was another story: a friendly drinking bout between the Soviet leader and an Italian correspondent. The Italian challenged Khrushchev to match drink for drink of a potent Chinese liquor called Mou Hai, supposedly 180 proof.

After four rounds, the Italian was under the table. Khrushchev carried on as if he had been drinking mineral water. We took the Italian back to the Telegraph and laid him on a couch, where he fell asleep. He didn't file his story until the next day.



Whitman Bassow, UPI Moscow, 1955-58, is on leave as Carnegie Press Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. He is studying Chinese history, economics and politics at Colum-

BASSOW litics at Columbia in preparation for an eventual Peiping assignment.

#### MEXICO CITY (Continued from page 3.)

At banquets in dusty pueblos, not infrequently spread under the plaza ahuehuete trees, he would send along a plate of tortillas or mangos to the foreign press table.

Mexican presidents are famous for their hospitality — most entertain the Ass'n. of Foreign Correspondents once or twice a year at cocktail fiestas — but the news curtain around the Presidential office is never voluntarily opened to news observers from outside the country.

change the picture. A young man, 48, of friendly charm, he is more at home in international circles. As former Secretary of Labor and a holder of other public posts, he represented Mexico at a number of international conferences.

He belongs to the new generation of professionals and technicians who are less protocol minded and understand the relaciones publicas invented by the industrial society to the north.

He reads (but doesn't speak) English and likes to see his name in the North American press. At a breakfast meeting with twelve handpicked U.S. correspondents just before he started his campaign last spring — unprecedented for a government presidential candidate — he was already then aware of every story that had gone out to U.S. dailies.

His press advisor during the campaign, Justo Sierra, put in ten years as press attache to the Mexican Embassy in Washington. The Foreign Correspondents' Ass'n. with twenty-five active members, is hoping this will pay off in regular press conferences with President Lopez — and is about to take the proposal directly to the National Palace.

#### FRANKFURT (Continued from page 3.)

increasing sales, and AFN is all over the place, arousing considerable jealousies from the native European radio stations.

The Press Club floated happily through another summer with its gardenside terrace, its tennis court, swimming pool, and badminton games. Its thirtyfive active members were as active as ever, and the bar was still crowded with American business associates who thus provide running expenses. Vincent Mullahy (Overseas; sports) is the new President now that Ted Shields, UPI, has gone to Warsaw. Betty Knorr of American Weekend and her husband have gone to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Betty had been one of the few U.S. Correspondents who had worked continuously in Frankfurt since the end of the war.

Already reported is the news of UPI's new home for its sixty-eight employees, under a new Frankfurt editor, Ed Beller; also that AP under *Dick O'Regan* took the floor above its 500 square yard office, doubling its size.

#### PEOPLE & PLACES

January Reader's Digest carries John Strohm's double-length article, "How They Hate Us in Red China;" NBC will carry color TV program, based on 2,500 feet of color movies Strohm shot in Red China, on Jan. 4 at 4;30 p.m...Michael Crissan to Florida, Bahamas and Puerto Rico on script-writing assignments.... George Masters, formerly PR for Northwest Airlines and Stephen L. Wells agency in Los Angeles, now with First National Bank of Minneapolis.

Whitman Bassow addressed Int'l. Affairs seminar at Columbia University: "The Soviet Image of the U.S. — Can We Change It?"...Jack Winocour back in New York after three weeks in London... A. Wilfred May's articles on Red China aggression via trade strategy featured in N.Y.Herald Tribune, etc....William Morris Agency is packaging two TV adventure shows for which Richard Tregaskis wrote pilot scripts: "Helimarines" and "Hongkong Diary" — production starts soon.

Stars and Stripes' Marty Gershen back in Damstadt after three weeks in Italy, Greece, Turkey, Israel and Cyprus — "ran into no censorship problems in Israel"... — K.J. Dosmar, back from month in South America, reports that the N.Y. Times (daily, not Sunday) sells for \$1.10 in Buenos Aires... Florence Richards, Seoul, Korea, has story on Mrs. Neil McElroy in December issue of U.S. Lady.... Vic Wagner moved his Wagner Publications, Inc. to Beverly Hills, Calif. — he'll start a new screen magazine soon.

The Jack Kriendler Memorial Foundation Inc. contributed \$200 to the OPC Correspondents Fund (forwarded through Bob Considine).

John McCarthy, executive editor of Catholic Digest, back in New York after six weeks of conferences with editors of the seven European editions — and on expansion of foreign coveragein American edition...Gary MacEoin lectured to New England Foreign Language Teachers Ass'n. in Lynn, Mass, on need of foreign language competence.

Ilerald Trib's Art Buchwald in New York for month of December working... returns to Paris Jan. 2... Charles B. Seton's law firm took Hershel B. Sarbin (secretary and general counsel of Ziff-Davis Publishing Co.) as partner—new firm name: Rosen, Seton and Sarbin.... Tom Johnson back in New York for winter... Peter and Jeanne Toomey Terranova (she's with N.Y. Journal-Americ can) moved to Belle Harbor.

Peter Celliers, Redbook's travel editor, back from speaking at Int'l. Air Transport Ass'n. meeting in Hamburg, Germany.



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#### AWARDS PLANS (Cont'd from page 1.)

Judging will be conducted as it was for last year's awards. Decisions on awards will be made after a judicious study of the entries by a committee of experts in the various media of communication.

Chairman of the Awards Committee is William L. Laurence, science editor of the N.Y. Times. The other members are Hal Boyle, AP columnist; Stedman S. Hanks; William P. Gray, editor, international editions, Life; William Brooks; Wayne Richardson, AP general desk; John Barkham, editor, Saturday Review Syndicated Book Service; Arthur Reef; and Larry Newman, assistant to editor, E. Anthony and Sons, Inc., New Bedford Standard-Times and Cape Cod Standard-Times.

Inquiries may be directed to the Awards Committee at the OPC.

#### TEN TOP STORIES

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Tribune from the Reid family. On Sept. 11, shortly after the purchase, the OPC honored the Trib at the Club's first Media Night.

6. The report in September that "several hundred" NBC staffers had been released in a program of "consolidation and streamlining." Several pprominent OPC members were among those released or whose contracts were not to be renewed.

7. Reports of a CBS cutback of thirty-one staffers in early March. Three News and Public Affairs shows were dropped, but the network said eight news shows had been added.

8. The Soviet tightening of censorship and expulsion of U.S. correspondents. New restrictions on the export of news film were announced in October and drew an immediate OPC protest. Roy Essoyan of AP was expelled on Sept. 20. Shortly thereafter, the CBS News bureau in Moscow was ordered closed.

9. The rush of newsmen to Formosa in late August and early September, after Communist artillery began to pound Quemoy. But for the most part, the "war" correspondents found themselves confined to Taipei, 175 miles from the hostilities.

10. The lengthy and arduous coverage in Rome on the final illness and funeral of Pope Pius XII and the selection and coronation of Pope John XXIII. Rome, normally a relatively placid though vital news center, suddenly became a source of intense competition and rapid-fire newsbreaks.

#### GOLDEN IN NEW YORK

Julius Golden, AP staffer and Overseas Press Bulletin correspondent, returned to New York from his post in Rio de Janeiro on Dec. 23 for home leave.



Covered the siege of Warsaw alone during the period of September 7-21, 1939. His pictures were the only ones of the siege.

Bryan returned to Warsaw for 11 eventful days in September 1958—19 years later and discovered 25 of his 1939 Warsaw characters still alive.

They will be part of a new book and film entitled "Warsaw After 20 Years."

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#### ACTIVE

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Hyman Charniak - free-lance.

Thomas Joseph Cunningham, Jr. - Stars
& Stripes.

H. Denny Davis - UPI Rio de Janeiro.

Richard E. Kallsen - CBS Beirut.

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Federer, who took over his post in October, spoke at a luncheon at the Club on Dec. 11.

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